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Note by the Secretariat

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management the report prepared by the subcommittee on geodesy, which will be made available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee of Experts (http://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/8th-Session/). The Committee of Experts is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the progress made by the subcommittee in its efforts to develop the implementation plan of the road map for the enhancement and sustainability of the global geodetic reference frame.

Summary of the report

At its seventh session, held in New York from 2 to 4 August 2017, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 7/103, in which it endorsed the formal establishment and composition of the subcommittee on geodesy, agreed with the proposed terms of reference and transition plan, and encouraged further membership of developing countries with the assistance of the regional committees. The Committee also expressed support for the development of the road map implementation plan, the position paper on appropriate governance arrangements and the building of the web of communication experts, and noted the convening of the inaugural meeting of the subcommittee.

In its report, the subcommittee provides information on its recent activities, including the main outcomes of its inaugural meeting, held in Mexico City in November 2017, and activities subsequent to the inaugural meeting, including outreach and communication. The subcommittee also presents the road map implementation plan and the position paper on appropriate governance, for consideration by the Committee of Experts, and the revised terms of reference of the subcommittee, for endorsement by the Committee.

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